

Selma, March 26 / 59.

My dear Sir:

I have just received your kind letter, and will with pleasure comply with your request, and prep all the good specimens of *Croonia* I can get; I have now some, purchased last summer, but they are not perfect; I fear I shall not be able to send you as many as I would wish, as my wife, made wild work in my bed of *Croonia* roots, not knowing them to be of any value. I send you a little present, although it is not a botanical specimen; but I know you cannot love flowers, and be indifferent to the beautiful creations of Providence. When I first came South I kept with little trouble several of them reptiles in a box about a foot square, with a glass sliding door. They only

require a few living flies occasionally; and some leaves wet with dew for drink; their mode of catching flies is curious; and I have never yet seen them spring at their prey, and fail - It belongs to *Anolis of Cur.* but I do not know the species - When I get enough plants, to make it worth while I will send them to you. There are many *Orchids* here, but it is very difficult to procure them in flower, and they grow scattered about generally in the woods; but I will do the best I can, with the greatest pleasure,

Yours most truly

P. H. Cabel

To Prof. Geo. Gray -

P. S.

I forgot to mention, that this is the *Chamaeleon* of the south; and changes (under excitement) from one color to another with rapidity - There is also a dewlap under the throat; which it can spread out like a fan, which is of the most beautiful cherry color -

P. H. C.